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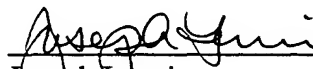
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Amendment Under Article 34

This responds to the Written Opinion dated March 22, 1999, in connection with the above-identified international patent application. Please cancel claims 2-7, 9, 19 and 20-26; rewrite claims 1, 10, 27 and 28; and add claims 29-33. Certain of the pending claims stand rejected for alleged lack of novelty and/or inventive step in view of a number of publications. Although Applicants do not necessarily concur with the grounds for rejection, the claims have been amended, as indicated on the attached sheets, to advance prosecution. None of the cited references disclose or suggest the claimed inventions.


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